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In compliance with a request from a number of our patrons, we commence to-day the publication of the reply of the Hon. Kenneth Rayner, of North Carolina, to the strictures of the Hon. Henry A. Wise, the present Democratic candidate for Governor of Virginia, upon the tenets which are understood to be held and the principles advocated by that mysterious order which has recently so powerfully diffused itself over the entire length and breadth of the land, and which is known by the homely sobriquet of "Know Nothings." The first of the series appears in this day's paper, and will be continued until the entire number has been published. The articles, although occupying considerable space, will be found to be in the highest degree interesting, and we are not sure that we could fill our columns—especially in the almost entire absence of interesting intelligence which now prevails—with any matter that would be at once fraught with more interest and profit, and we trust that not one of our numerous readers, will fail to give to it the attention which the importance of the subject demands.

The circumstances under which these able papers were written were as follows: Prior to the assembling of the recent Democratic Convention in Virginia, for the nomination of candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and other State Officers, the several gentlemen who were spoken of prominently in connection with the candidacy for the gubernatorial chair, were interrogated through the public prints as to their views upon "Know-Nothingism," to which interrogation they respectively responded. Mr. Henry A. Wise, who is a man of talents, and who has in his day occupied no inconsiderable share of the public attention, replied at great length through the columns of the *Richmond Enquirer*, taking hold of decided ground against the new order and its principles, and, although not exactly in the highest style of rhetorical finish, and somewhat rambling in its general character, still his reply is characterized by force of thought, vigor of language, and a bold dashing air, which renders it by no means despicable, and indeed rather taking with those who are content to examine only one side of a question.

The attention of the Hon. Kenneth Rayner, of North Carolina, was directed to this effusion of the Virginia politician, and his views upon it invoked; and he at once took up the gauntlet thrown down by Mr. Wise, and in a series of articles now in course of publication in the "A. American Organ" at Washington, responds to the views thus so vauntingly proclaimed from *Only*, the seat of Mr. Wise, in the county of Accomac, and State of Virginia. The Rayner is a gentleman of about the same age as Mr. Wise. If we mistake not they entered Congress at the same session, and served each probably six or eight years in the lower branch of that body. They were both in the celebrated twenty-seventh Congress—were both at that time ardent Whigs, and both had warmly engaged in the memorable canvass which resulted in the triumphant election of the lamented Harrison to the Presidency in 1840. After the lamented death of the Hero of North Bend, Mr. Tyler succeeded to the Presidency, and the events which followed need not be stated. Mr. Wise, like Mr. Tyler, proved treacherous to his party, and repudiated the reward of it in the reception of a foreign mission near the close of that disgraceful administration. Mr. Rayner, on the contrary, continued true and faithful to the party with which he was associated, and after the lapse of a few years he retired from the halls of Congress to the pursuit of his profession, which he has assiduously prosecuted since, refusing to be again dragged into political life. He is a man of very superior talents, of fine political and literary attainments, and of unquestioned political integrity. He states the positions and arguments of his adversary fairly, and replies to them with a vigor and power which will strike the reader, and render the perusal of his articles both useful and agreeable. To that end they are commended to the special attention of those into whose hands our paper falls.

The Danville Tribune, of last week, has the following: "What's the matter? The following notice appears in the last *Lexington Observer*. The Democratic of Mercer county (wherever they are) are requested to meet at the Court House in Harrodsburg, on the first Monday in next month, (February), for the purpose of sending delegates to the Democratic State Convention. Now, what does all that mean?—If there are any Democrats in Mercer county? It would seem very much as if 'them' had been at work among our neighbors. Who knows?"

We commend also to those of our Democratic friends, who have been in the habit of asking what has become of the Whig party, the statement of the *Henderson Reporter*, a paper printed, we believe, in the town where Lazarus W. Powell, Governor of this Commonwealth, resides, and of the same political faith with his excellency. That paper complains very bitterly of the great lethargy prevailing among the Democracy of that county, and says: "A meeting to appoint delegates to the 15th of March State Convention was called for Saturday, the 13th inst., but not a single person attended."

A REMARKABLE HORSE.—Messrs. Heath & Co., of Perryville, Ky., are now exhibiting at Heinshaus's livery stable in Louisville, the great Kentucky horse "Magnus Apollo," the largest animal of his species in the world—being twenty hands in height, and of extraordinary grandeur and majesty of proportion and appearance.

LATER AND HIGHLY IMPORTANT INTELLIGENCE FROM EUROPE.—We give in another part of our paper the news brought by the Pacific. The intelligence is highly interesting and important, and to it we direct the attention of our readers.

—We noticed in our last that Col. R. B. CARPENTER, of Covington, had accepted a call made upon him to become a candidate for Congress in that district. We see that Col. H. C. HARRIS has since been called on to become a candidate for the same office.

The Covington Journal thinks it a little curious that, although the District is largely Democratic, and both gentlemen have been always hitherto rather ultra in their support of the views of that party, the words "Democrat" or "Democratic" does not appear in either the calls upon them to be candidates or in the responses thereto. Instead of now saying, as was formerly the custom in that district, if it shall be the pleasure of the Democracy to elect me, Col. Carpenter says it shall be the pleasure of the *Fremont* of the District, &c. What has produced this change? Is that officious intermeddler Sam manifesting his power there, as he has done almost everywhere else?

—It is announced, by authority, in the *Mayville Eagle*, of Tuesday, that the house of Schulz, Hadden & Laiting, of New York, whose suspension was announced a few days since, has resumed in full. The temporary suspension was caused by the maturing of acceptance given upon produce which failed to come to hand, but they were promptly probed by remittances from Mr. Schulz, so soon as he learned of the contingency which required it.

—It is said that Mr. Breckinridge will not accept the mission to Spain until after the termination of the present Congress.

TEXAS CLAIMS.—The Senate bill for the settlement of the claims of Texas creditors provides for the payment in cash, of eight and a half millions of dollars, on condition of full releases to the United States, on behalf of all who shall accept the terms tendered. The bill from the House committee of Ways & Means imposes other and more rigid conditions. Among them are the following: The creditors are required to execute releases not only to the United States but to Texas. Texas is to execute a release to the United States purporting that the sum paid is in full satisfaction for all her claims upon the United States prior to annexation. In consideration of the payments, Texas is to discharge the United States from liability for the indemnity claimed on account of her Indian wars since annexation. It is thought that if thus amended the bill will not be accepted by Texas.

COLONIZATION.—The American Colonization Society held its annual session in Washington city on Tuesday of last week. From the report of the Secretary it appears that the receipts of the year have been about \$65,000, and the expenditure have exceeded this sum—Nearly 600 emigrants have been sent out during the year, chiefly emancipated slaves. But the want of funds have strained the executive committee to delay sending many suitable emigrants who are anxious to go. An earnest appeal is now put forth for funds, which, it is hoped, will be responded to liberally by the friends of the cause.

A case came up for trial a few days since in New York, wherein one party sued another for the value of 40 bags of peas. The plaintiff was a coffee roaster, and had contracted with the defendant for 250 bags of peas, which, it appeared, were to be ground up with the coffee. Some curious developments came out in the course of the trial, showing the extent to which peas, chicory and other substances are used for the article which is sold as pure ground coffee.

—The Supreme Court of Ohio have unanimously decided the stringent Liquor Law of that State to be constitutional. We learn from the Cincinnati Gazette, that great excitement existed in Cincinnati, among wholesale and retail liquor dealers, and that several meetings for consultation as to the course proper to pursue have been held at the Burnet House, but nothing definite had been determined upon.

—The Pittsburg Journal, of Monday, announces the suspension of the heavy banking house of Kramer and Rham.

—We copy the following from the *Mayville Eagle*, of Tuesday last: *Mayville and Lexington Railroad.*—Engineers have recently been sent out here, on behalf of the holders of the bonds issued by this Company, to ascertain the condition of its affairs, of the road, and to estimate the cost of its completion. We understand that, after making the examinations necessary, propositions have been so far favorably considered, and to imply the probability of the early completion of the road; but we are not able to state the terms.

—James T. Girard has been tried for killing Darwin Brooks, in Louisville, and held to bail in the sum of \$1,500.

Hon. JOHN Y. MASON.—The Washington Union, of last week, says: "So far as we have ascertained, no public or private dispatches have been received in this city by the steamer Canada in regard to the health of the American Minister at Paris. In the absence of all information, it is but reasonable to infer that a change for the better had taken place in the condition of Judge Mason since the sailing of the Baltic."

—The *Mayville Eagle* announces the death of Major William S. Pickett, Postmaster of that city, on Monday last, after a long and painful attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

THE CANVASS IN VIRGINIA IS INCREASING IN INTEREST. One Democratic editor writes to his friends in Washington that a real stampede has commenced from the Democratic organization. The Know Nothings have superior attractions for the people to those of Mr. Wise.

A slave, the property of Mr. S. Keller, of Bourbon county, was standing so near the track, last week, when the cars were passing his master's plantation, that they ran against him with such force as to crush his head.

FROM WASHINGTON.—The following is a copy of a special dispatch to the N. Y. Tribune, dated: WASHINGTON, Jan. 22. The Democratic Senatorial Caucus convened in the Vice President's Room, at 11 o'clock this morning. This is the third meeting. Seventeen was the highest number in attendance. The object was to make a pronouncement against Know-Nothingism. Messrs. Houston, Rusk, Adams and others refused to attend, and there was little or nothing done. The Caucus adjourned on Thursday.

The Pacific Road is believed to be McDougallized, or, in other words, defunct. It is understood that Mr. Cass is soon to visit the Granite State, where he will make a demonstration against the Know-Nothingism, and ignore Nebraska. It is confidently believed that Governor Mercey will go to Europe. The Cabinet is, and has been amiable. Ex-Gov. Seymour prefers to stay at home.

MASSACHUSETTS U. S. SENATOR.—A telegraphic dispatch from Boston, of the 23d inst., announces that General HENRY WILSON, Know Nothing, has been elected, on the part of the lower house of the Massachusetts Legislature, to fill the unexpired term of the Hon. Edward Everett, resigned, in the United States Senate. The Senate, whose concurrence is necessary to the validity of the election, has not yet voted, but no doubt is entertained that it will ratify the choice of the House. The editor of the Cincinnati Gazette, who has long known Gen. Wilson, says that the Senator elect is about twenty-five years. He was a shoemaker by trade, and never was known in political life until the Harrison campaign of 1840, when he made many speeches, and acquired considerable reputation as the "Natick Shoemaker." From that time to the present he has been an active politician, always a Whig until the National Whig Convention nominated Gen. Taylor for President in 1848. Gen. Wilson was a delegate to that convention, and voted throughout for Mr. Webster; and when it was announced that Mr. Taylor had received the nomination, Mr. Wilson, and one of his colleagues, Chas. Allen, denounced the nomination, and declared that they would not support it, because Gen. Taylor was not a Whig.

They returned to Massachusetts, called an anti-Taylor Convention, which was held, and a National Convention at Buffalo recommended. The Buffalo Convention was held, Martin Van Buren and Charles Francis Adams were respectively nominated for President and Vice President, and Gen. Wilson, who could not support Gen. Taylor, because he was not a Whig, was ardent and active in support of Van Buren, who never claimed to be a Whig. This, the Gazette says, was the first real foundation of the Free-soil party, to which Gen. Wilson adhered afterwards, until some time last year he took himself with the 'Know Nothings,' by whom he has been elevated to the seat once filled by Webster and Everett in the United States Senate. We certainly have no good opinion of Gen. Wilson's antecedents as herein detailed, and unite with the Louisville Courier in the opinion that the members of the Massachusetts Legislature could have performed a much more acceptable service to the country than they have done in the election of Gen. Henry Wilson to the Senate of the United States.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Saturday morning last, about half-past 10 o'clock, an accident occurred on the railroad near Cynthia by which Charles H. Anderson, the Postmaster of that place, was killed. The circumstances are thus detailed by the Cincinnati News: "It appears that Mr. Anderson and several other gentlemen, wishing to make a short excursion down the railroad, got into a hand car for that purpose, and while he was engaged in turning the crank by which some means became entangled in the skirts of his coat, and throwing him violently forward on the track, the wheels of the car passed over his neck and his head, mangle him terribly and producing instant death. One or two others on the car were thrown off by the shock, and upon rasping immediately to the assistance of Mr. Anderson they found life extinct. His body was brought to town soon after, and a coroner's inquest held, which returned a verdict in accordance with the above facts.

The deceased was an energetic, thrifty and honorable business man, and enjoying the confidence of the entire community in which he lived.

A dispatch from Mobile, of the 16th, says the slave population of that city are raising a contribution to aid the suffering poor white people in New York and other eastern cities. What will the Abolitionists think of this?

Boston, Jan. 25. Know-Nothing Convention in New Hampshire.—The members of the late New Hampshire Know Nothing State Convention, held in Manchester, are to assemble at the same place on the 30th, to nominate a candidate for Governor—the Rev. John Moore, their first nominee, being ineligible to the office. The talked-of candidates are numerous; Ex-Gov. Colby, Dame, of Portsmouth; Marston, of Exeter; and Christie, of Dover, head the list.

Correspondence of the N. Y. Tribune. WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.

It is believed here that the President's call for three thousand volunteers is only a ruse to force through the bill adding four regiments to the regular army. The measure is a pet one of the White House, and among the White House lingers on. The recent popular elections have thrown a good many gentlemen out of employment, and commissions in the army are more desirable than ever.

A LOOKER ON.

ARRIVAL OF THE PACIFIC. HIGHLY IMPORTANT NEWS.

The *Four unconditionally accepts the Four Guarantees—Sardinia joined the Western Alliance—Prussia claims to take share in Negotiations—Advance in Cotton, &c.*

The steamer Pacific has arrived with Liverpool dates to the 15th. The market has been lively and improved slightly at the close. The quotations are Western canal (1844), Ohio nominally \$1.45, middling 1.15, Upland fair 1.15, middling 1.15. There is a good demand, and prices have advanced 10. The market closed with a fair demand and holders are in a dull and unchanged.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COURT.

Cases tried in the City Court during the week ending Thursday, Jan. 25th, 1855. Hon. CHAS. B. THOMAS, Judge. JOHN T. HOAGS, Prosecuting Attorney.

JANUARY 22ND. John S. Salter, luring drunk, three warrants.—Fined \$2 on the first, \$5 on the second, and \$5 on the third.

JANUARY 23RD. A. J. Henry, drunk and disorderly. Fined \$5. James Laughlin, same offense. Fined \$5.

JANUARY 25TH. Commonwealth vs. Evan Noble. Indicted for defrauding private property. Judgment \$150. City vs. G. H. Dahlbush, selling liquor on Sunday, 2 cases. Judgment \$100 each.

City vs. J. J. Dillake and others, selling liquor on Sunday, 3 cases. Submitted to the Court and judgment for defendants.

City vs. H. C. Graves, selling liquor on Sunday. Judgment \$100. City vs. J. M. Taylor, same offense. 4 cases.—Fined \$25 each.

City vs. G. L. Hollenback, warrant for tipping liquor, 1 case. Judgment \$50 each. City vs. John G. Chiles, selling liquor on Sunday, 2 cases. Submitted to the Court and judgment for defendant.

Commonwealth vs. John Baker and John Barker, indicted for keeping a tippling house. Verdict not guilty. City vs. John Little, warrant for resisting Deputy Marshal. Fined \$10.

City vs. John J. Payne, warrant for assault and battery. Fined \$10. City vs. David Warner, warrant for assault and battery. Fined \$100.

City vs. James Murphy, warrant for same offense. Fined \$100. City vs. James McCoy, warrant for same offense. Fined \$100.

City vs. Joseph Coffey, warrant for same offense. Fined \$100. City vs. Charles Canon, warrant for same offense. Fined \$100.

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